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### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

[Letters addressed to "Correspondence" will receive attention in this column. Inquiries are solicited.]

Q. What are Blue Points? Y.  
A. Oysters from Blue Point, Long Island, N. Y.

Q. How should a person proceed to collect a war claim? C. N. M.  
A. Communicate with your congressman.

Q. Where are the headquarters of the Carnegie hero fund? E. B. R.  
A. Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Q. Which has the largest navy, the United States or Japan? J. B. H.  
A. The United States, as we have twenty-six battleships, modern, to Japan's eleven.

Q. Please give the population of Japan and of the United States. J. C. McG.  
A. The estimated population of Japan is 52,300,000. The United States has a population of 91,972,266.

Q. When does the Panama exposition take place and where? I. V. A.  
A. The Panama-Pacific exposition will open in San Francisco, Cal., about January 1, 1915.

Q. What is a superficial yard? J. M.  
A. Probably a lineal or square yard, applied to measurement of surfaces, although the term is not a happy one.

Q. In the sentence, "A question and its answer," would you call "it's" a misspelled word? D. E. McC.  
A. Yes; it is an orthographical error.

Q. What was the name of the man who shot Jim Fisk and what did they do with him? J. J. D.  
A. Ed. Stokes. He was tried for the shooting, convicted of manslaughter and served a term in jail.

Q. (1) What States have State-wide prohibition? (2) What States have woman suffrage? A. S. J.  
A. (1) Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota and Tennessee. (2) Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Washington and California.

Q. Was the record of Dan Patch for a mile, 1:55, made on a public race-track? E. A.  
A. It would need to be to go on the record books. Dan Patch did the mile in 1:55 twice on the same day, September 8, 1906, at St. Paul, Minn. He was paced by a runner carrying a wind-shield, the runner preceding the pacer.

Q. (1) How many people die annually of tuberculosis in this country? (2) What amount is expended each year to maintain the army and navy? L. K.  
A. (1) In 1900, 11,059. The report for 1910 has not been published. (2) For this year Congress has appropriated \$126,405,509.24 for the navy, \$93,374,755.97 for the army and \$5,473,707 for forts and fortifications.

Q. (1) What English novelist wrote a book showing the evils of imprisonment for debt? (2) What is a retroactive law? W. E. B.  
A. (1) Charles Dickens directed attention to the matter in his novels and thus aroused the British public to the great injustice of punishing a debtor in this fashion. The system was also treated by other novelists. (2) One that affects things which occurred before the law was passed.

Q. Please give some information on the history of foot binding in China? L. M. C.  
A. This is one of the subjects connected with China about which little is known. The Chinese themselves do not know the custom originated, or when, or where, and Chinese writers have sought in vain for the facts. A great deal has been written by Chinese about the custom and theories have been advanced to the effect that the custom arose through the desire of the men to keep the women at home, that the idea was of feminine origin (the men admiring small feet) and, also, that the custom was introduced by the Manchus. But the practice extends so far back into the past that nobody

knows much about its beginnings.

Q. (1) What is the chief industry of North Carolina? (2) What is the character of the soil? (3) What kind of a climate has it? Y. S. D.  
A. (1) The manufacture of cotton and tobacco makes up the greater part of the industries of North Carolina. Owing to the great abundance of streams available for water power, the manufacturing industries of the State are rapidly increasing, especially with regard to the cotton trade. (2 and 3) In the census of farm products, North Carolina fills every blank in the list of crops raised in the United States. Its biggest crops are corn, cotton and tobacco, however. The climate is quite even and the mean temperature is 59 degrees, which is the average temperature for North America. North Carolina is on the same isothermal line as California, Southern France and Northern Italy, and has the characteristics of those sections.

Q. (1) What is the meaning of the stars and stripes on our flag and why was it called a floating piece of poetry? (2) What is the meaning of kindergarten? (3) What day of the week was February 8, 1891? S. A. N.  
A. (1) George Washington spoke of the flag in the following terms: "We take the star from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty." Later it was decided that each State should be represented in the blue field by a star. Probably the sentimental feeling which the sight of the flag aroused in the breast of the person who said it accounted for calling the flag a floating poem. (2) A kindergarten is a teacher in a kindergarten, which is a school for young children. (3) Sunday.

Q. Who was Sir Christopher Wren? S. E. W.  
A. He was a famous English architect, born in 1632, who died in 1723. He entered Oxford University at the age of fourteen and showed signs of genius very early. When he was fifteen he wrote a treatise on spherical trigonometry and did other scientific work of note. In 1661 he was made professor of astronomy at Oxford and in 1663 was commissioned to make designs for restoring St. Paul's Cathedral. But before the work was begun, the cathedral burned down and Wren had a chance to demonstrate his ability by building a whole new St. Paul's. The foundation of the cathedral was laid in 1675 and stands today as one of the most magnificent works in architecture. His best piece of work, however, is thought to be the interior of St. Stephen's at Walbrook. Other famous examples of Wren's genius are the theatre at Oxford, the library at Trinity College, Cambridge, the hospitals of Chelsea and Greenwich and the great campanile of Christ Church, Oxford. Wren was knighted in 1674 and sat in Parliament in 1700.

Q. (1) Can a foreigner become a cabinet officer? (2) What day of the week was June 18, 1892? (3) Describe the method of voting by the machine system. W. P.  
A. (1) A foreigner cannot, but a foreign-born person who becomes a citizen of the United States is eligible for appointment to the cabinet. Oscar S. Straus, Secretary of Commerce and Labor in President Roosevelt's cabinet, was born in Germany. (2) Saturday. (3) The first voting machine was tried out in an election at Lockport, N. Y., in 1892. It had a vertical keyboard, each push-key belonging to a candidate, and each horizontal line of keys belonging to a different political party. Another type of voting machine punches holes in a strip of paper, and the votes are counted by running the perforated strip through a pneumatic counting machine. Other machines, when operated, drop balls into separate receptacles, the first mentioned being of this type. Several voting machines are operated by the use of keys, some having a common key for all candidates

with separate keyholes, and others a separate key for each candidate. All have locking devices to prevent an elector voting more than once for a single candidate. In Buffalo, N. Y., 60,000 votes were once cast for two candidates at a single election by the use of voting machines, and the returns for the entire city were collected, tabulated and announced within seventy-five minutes after the polls closed, as many as 1,041 voters using one machine.

### Procedure by Resolution.

Montclair, like this town, has many miles of stone roads that are practically worn out. The council of that town is taking steps towards an extensive reconstruction of roads in the town. A contract has been awarded for the granite paving of Bloomfield avenue from the Glen Ridge line to the Verona line, and on Monday night the council passed resolutions for the paving of Orange road and South Mountain avenue, from curb to curb, with permanent material.

Some discussion ensued as to the method of procedure of carrying the resolution adopted by the council.

Mr. Trippett and Mr. Boyd both said that property owners must be given a hearing. In order to do this properly another resolution must be presented in which the material to be used and the estimated cost must be mentioned.

The road committee was not prepared Monday night to recommend any particular style of pavement.

It was said that the choice of material will be between bitulithic or some other style of patent pavement, and wood block or vitrified brick. Before deciding the committee will investigate pavements of various kinds and look over such data as can be secured on the subject.

The distance to be paved will be about 10,000 feet on Orange road and 16,000 feet on South Mountain avenue. It is proposed that the town shall pay with a bond issue for a strip sixteen feet wide in the middle of the thoroughfares and that property owners shall pay for the strip remaining on each side as well as paying for the gutters and curbing. Ten years will be given property holders in which to make their payments for the work.

### Spraying of Elms.

E. P. Felt, the New York State entomologist, has issued a letter relative to the spraying of elm trees, in which he says: "The outcome of the wholesale despoliation of elms last summer must be of interest to many. The trees were badly injured then, as evidenced by the brown, dead foliage so conspicuous in many communities and suggesting the scared condition of autumn rather than the normal vigor of midsummer. Numerous dead limbs, thin foliage and other evidences of reduced vitality may be expected the coming season. Some trees are even now in a hopeless condition."

The indications are favorable for more severe and extended injury by the elm-leaf beetle. This will inevitably result in much greater damage, since the elms in their present debilitated condition cannot withstand an attack so successfully as before.

"We can foresee nothing but ruin and destruction for thousands of stately elms in the near future unless interested localities awake to the necessity of timely and thorough spraying, an entirely practical and satisfactory remedy. No time should be lost, if arrangements have not already been made, in providing for the protection of the shade trees."

### Cleveland Memorial.

A meeting in commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the birthday of the late Grover Cleveland will be held in the Caldwell Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening, March 17.

President Hibben of Princeton University is expected to be present and make an address, and it is also anticipated that Mrs. Cleveland, widow of the late President, will attend.

Caldwell is to have a Cleveland Birthplace Memorial and Library. A contract has been signed between the trustees of the Presbyterian Church and Dr. John H. Finley, president of the College of the City of New York, for himself and for on behalf of Mr. Cleveland H. Dodge and Mr. George W. Perkins, under which the "Old Mansie" will be purchased and its preservation as a memorial is thus assured. These three gentlemen will act as trustees to purchase and hold the property until the "Cleveland Birthplace Memorial Association" is legally formed, at which time they will transfer it to the permanent organization.

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### Centennial Day.

By act of the Legislature certain territory within the limits of the township of Newark was separated from that municipality and incorporated as the township of Bloomfield. The separation became effective the fourth Monday in March, 1812. This was the 23d day of the month. While the centennial celebration will be held in June this year, the date of incorporation is to be observed in a fitting manner.

The centennial celebration committee requests all citizens to display the flag on Saturday, March 23, and in the evening to illuminate their houses.

At 8 o'clock that evening a meeting will be held in the First Presbyterian Church with appropriate exercises to mark the anniversary. The people will be summoned to this gathering by the pealing of the bell of the Old First Church. Mayor William Hauser will preside. Mr. F. M. Davis, chairman of the centennial celebration committee, will announce the plans for the celebration to be held in June, and will also read the act of the Legislature creating the township of Bloomfield. The High School Glee Club will sing patriotic selections and Honorable J. Franklin Fort, ex-governor of the State, will deliver the address. All patriotic citizens should attend this meeting.

### President Howland Resigns.

Harold J. Howland presented his resignation as president of the Montclair Civic Association on Tuesday evening, March 5, and the board of directors reluctantly voted to accept it. A resolution was adopted thanking Mr. Howland for the work he has done and expressing the regret of the board that he could not continue at the head of the association.

Mr. Howland has found it increasingly difficult to give the necessary time to the work of the association and accepted his re-election as president last fall only at the earnest solicitation of the board. In presenting his resignation, he explained that his editorial duties on the "Outlook" are requiring more and more of his time and that it has become impossible for him to give the attention to the affairs of the association that, in his opinion, the president should give in justice to the organization and to himself.

Mr. Howland was elected president of the Civic Association in the fall of 1910, when he succeeded Mr. W. I. Lincoln Adams. One of the important things which the association did under his leadership was to hold the "Know Montclair" meeting in October, 1911.

### Silver Lake Annexation.

Several attempts have been made in times past to have the Silver Lake section of Belleville annexed to Newark. Not deterred by the failure of past efforts to carry out their project, the annexationists in the district are going to try again and a bill has been prepared for introduction to the Legislature in favor of annexation.

A public meeting was held Sunday afternoon in the Silver Lake district at which speeches favoring annexation were made by many residents of the district.

Senator Colgate has been invited to attend a public meeting to be held tomorrow afternoon.

Philip Sammarco presided at the meeting Sunday afternoon which was held in Barrasso's hall, in Belmont avenue. Speeches were made by former Judge Algernon T. Sweeney of Newark, who is a property owner in the section, and by Postmaster Jeraldo Haloran. The plan of the annexationists as outlined is to take the portion of Silver Lake south of Newark avenue from Belleville and put it in Newark without referendum.

There are about 1,500 residents in the section and the rates, according to the local tax official's books, are about \$500,000, which is approximately one-twelfth of the entire valuation of the town. The section lies far from the centre of Belleville, and belongs more to Newark than to that town geographically, it is declared. The Belleville authorities are said to be willing to allow the Silver Lake residents to go into the city, as it is not possible to grant their requests for improvements.

It is the opinion of the residents of the section that once under the control of Newark road and sidewalk improvements would be pushed ahead and street sewers, which are becoming necessary in the section, would be forthcoming.

### Saw Blacksmith Work.

To give the young folks an idea of the art of blacksmithing, a number of the children in the kindergarten class of the Glen Ridge school were escorted to the shops of Milton S. Palmer in Bloomfield avenue, Monday morning, where they tested the bellows, put coal on the fire, did some knocking with a hammer on the anvil to hear it ring and saw John Miller, the horseshoer, turn out shoes and nail them to the hoofs of two horses.

In all there were twenty of the young folk who visited the shop, in charge of their teacher, Miss Jennie Thompson.

### Repels Attack of Death.

"Five years ago two doctors told me I had only two years to live." This startling statement was made by Stillman Green, Malachite, Col. "They told me I would die with consumption. It was up to me then to try the best lung medicine and I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery. It was well I did, for today I am working and believe I owe my life to this great throat and lung cure that has cheated the grave of another victim." It's folly to suffer with coughs, colds or other throat and lung troubles now. Take the cure that's safest. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at all druggists.—Adv.



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